effect of such contaminated water on the local population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS(SHRIMATI MARGRAT ALVA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir- in respect of its first Unit. The problem relates to leak of cooling water in the end shield but not to nuclear fuel.

(c) the leak of ordinary(not heavy) water was caused due to hair lines cracks and has been stopped by innovative mechanical sealing arrangements. The operational power level of the Unit is restricted to 100 MWE since 1987. The above arrangements have been reviewed by the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board.

(d) and (e) Rajasthan Atomic power Stations- 1 and 2 adopted once-through system of cooling by drawing water from the river and discharging it back. This water is used in the cooling system which is non-radioactivity and does not have any contact with the nuclear fuel or radioactively in the reactor. Several barriers and safety provisions are in operation. Besides all these, the discharges in the river are monitored for any radioactivity so as to comply with the minimum limits stipulated.

Decline in Vanaspati Production

84. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a sharp decline in Vanspati production:

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main reasons for the decline appears to be:

(i) Greater availability of alternate cooking media like cheaper refined cottonseed oil, soybean oil etc. as compared to Vanaspati prices; and

(ii) Limited availability of cheaper raw-material on account of increase in the Prices of edible oils.

(c) There is no scarcity of Vanspati. The prices of Vanaspati are not under any Government regulation. Government is giving excise rebate on use of minor/non-traditional oils in the manufacture of Vanaspati.

Review of Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulations) Act, 1976

86. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made about the achievement of the broad objective of the Urban land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of statements of excess land received by the competent authorities in the States, State-wise and Union Territory-wise and disposed of;

(d) the total area of land declared as excess vacant land;

(e) whether large areas of land remained vacant and cause the sky-rocketing or land values in metropolitan cities;

(f) whether the Union Government propose to review the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976; and